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SUBJECT: UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION RELATING TO ISRAEL

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1. IN ORDER TO PRODUCE SOME INDICATION THAT UNESCO IS MODIFYING THE ANTI-ISRAELI STANCE IT TOOK AT 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE LAST NOVEMBER, DEPT. IS CONSIDERING INITIATING ACTION TO GET EXECUTIVE BOARD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHICH, WITHOUT NAMING ISRAEL, WOULD LEAD TO INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN UNESCO'S EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. EIGHTEENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION DEALING WITH REGIONAL GROUP MEMBERSHIPS STATED PRINCIPLE THAT "EVERY MEMBER STATE HAS RIGHT AND DUTY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND REGULARLY IN THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES..." AND CALLED ON 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE (NOVEMBER 1976) TO EXAMINE ANY OUT-
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STANDING QUESTIONS.

2. WE BELIEVE THIS PROVIDES A BASIS FOR ASKING EXECUTIVE BOARD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION URGING THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF REGIONAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE UNIVERSALITY OF REGIONAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FOR WHICH THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE CALLED. WE, THEREFORE, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED TO THAT EFFECT WHEN EXECUTIVE BOARD NEXT MEETS (SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 10). THERE ARE TWO PROCEDURAL STEPS INVOLVED: FIRST, PLACING AN ITEM ON THE EXBD AGENDA, PROBABLY UNDER ITEM 3: "METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION" WHICH PROVIDE FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION, AND SECOND, INTRODUCE AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION. WHILE EXBD ACTION IS NOT BINDING ON CONFERENCE, IT WOULD ENHANCE PROSPECTS OF FAVORABLE CONFERENCE ACTION, AND IN ITSELF WOULD BE A SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT IN UNESCO ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL WHICH COULD, INTER ALIA, BE CITED TO CONGRESS AS DEPT'S COMPLIANCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE TO INDUCE UNESCO TO "TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO CORRECT ITS RECENT ACTIONS OF A PRIMARILY POLITICAL CHARACTER."

3. WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO PUSH THIS INITIATIVE UNLESS THERE IS REASONABLE PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS, BUT WE HAVE ALREADY CONSULTED HECTOR WYNTER (JAMAICA)(REF C), CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND HE FEELS OUR INITIATIVE IS TACTICALLY FEASIBLE. HE INDICATED IT WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO SUCCEED IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN U.S. TOOK OVER ACTION, AND HE SUGGESTED BELGIUM. WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR A "GENUINE EUROPEAN SUCH AS BELGIUM TO TAKE, OR AT LEAST SHARE, INITIATIVE OPENING UP THE QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR, WOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT AND WOULD LOBBY FOR IT AS HARD AS WE AND OTHER SUPPORTERS OF MOVE JUDGED APPROPRIATE.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH GOB AND ASSESS ITS WILLINGNESS TO PLACE ITEM ON AGENDA, SPONSOR OR CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION ALONG LINES REPORTED IN REFS (B) AND (C), AND LOBBY FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION. YOU MAY DISCREETLY INDICATE THAT WYNTER SHARED OUR VIEW
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THAT BELGIUM WOULD IDEALLY BE RIGHT COUNTRY TO TAKE LEAD. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT RENEWAL OF INTENSIVE SHUTTLE NEGOTIATION IN OUR VIEW PROVIDES AN APPROPRIATE ATMOSPHERE TO SEEK TO CREATE NEW BASE FOR RECONSIDERATION IN UNESCO. WE ALSO WISH TO GET GOB'S VIEWS ON TACTICS OTHER GOVERNMENTS LIKELY TO SUPPORT AND PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS BRUSSELS' TAKING AN INITIATIVE THAT WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE SUPPORTED BY AS MANY CO-SPONSORS AS POSSIBLE.

IF BELGIUM UNWILLING TO TAKE LEAD, WHAT WOULD THEY ADVISE?
PLEASE GIVE BELGIANS LIST (WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION) OF GOVERN-
MENTS THAT WYNTER SUGGESTED CONSULTING.

5. AFTER WE RECEIVE VIEWS OF GOB, WE WOULD, IF GOB AGREES,
PLAN TO CONSULT OTHER GOVERNMENTS LIKELY TO BE SYMPATHETIC
(WEO'S AND AUSTRALIA), AND SOLICIT THEIR CO-SPONSORSHIP,
LOBBYING OR SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION. PERMDE;SUG-
GESTION THAT WE GET TO EC NINE MEMBERS OF EXBD BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 2-3 MEETING IN ROME IS WELCOME, AND WE WILL
TRY AND MEET THIS DEADLINE.

6. WE MAY ULTIMATELY GO TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS NOT NECES-
SARILY SYMPATHETIC TO SUCH AN EFFORT (AS INDICATED BY
WYNTER) AND ASK THAT THEY AT LEAST NOT LOBBY AGAINST THE
RESOLUTION, REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY VOTE ON IT.

7. REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC REPLY ASAP FROM BRUSSELS WITH INFO.
TO PARIS AND KINGSTON.

8. EMBASSY PARIS (PERMDEL) SHOULD INFORM BELGIAN PERMDEL
RE LINES OF DEMARCHE WE ARE MAKING TO HIS GOVERNMENT. MAW

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